A LEAGUE OF UNION BETWIXT His Majestie, And the *ESTATES GENERAL* Of the *United Provinces of the Low-Countreys*; For an Efficacious Mediation of PEACE between the two Neighbouring Crowns now in WAR.

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THE most Serene and most Mighty Prince and Lord, *Charles* the Second, , King of *Great Britain*, and the High and Mighty Lords the States General of the *United Netherlands*, reflecting with much grief and trouble on the miseries and calamities of the Warre which is lately broken out in the Borders between the two Crowns, and which spreading its flame in the Neighbourhood, if not timely prevented, will be an inevitable consequence to involve the greatest part of the Princes and States of Christendome in the same evils, have thought they should be much wanting to that duty God hath injoyned them, if now that they have by his mercy so happily renewed and restored the ancient Friendship and Alliance between *Great Britain* and the *United Netherlands*, and at the same time established a

Peace between four powerful States, who were parties in that bloudy Warre, they ſhould not employ, and with all diligence apply themſelves to ſettle thoſe differences that have ariſen between the ſaid two Crowns, and particularly for the quenching the flame of that Warre upon the Confines. And therefore the moſt Serene King of *Great Britain*, and the High and Mighty States of the *Low-Countreys*, having after much pains and great Inſtance, obtained from the moſt Chriſtian King, a Promiſe to the ſaid States General, That he will forthwith and from this time forward lay down his Arms, on condition the Spaniards be ready, formally and ſolemnly by a Treaty of Peace, to quit to him all thoſe Places and Forts, together with the Chaſtellenyes and their Appurtenances, which he has by force of Armes taken in, or fortifi'd in the laſt years Expedition, or otherwiſe that the Spaniards be brought to transfer to him all the remainder of their Right to the Dutchy of *Luxemburg* (or to the County of *Burgundy*) together with *Cambray* and *Cambreſis*, *Douay*, *Ayre*, *St. Omers*, *Bergue St. Winox*, *Fuernes*, and *Link*, with the Bailywicks, Chaſteſtellenyes, and all other their dependencies, and in this laſt caſe, the moſt Chriſtian King to be obliged to reſtore to the King of *Spain*, all Places and Territories which the French have by their Arms taken ſince their entrance into *Flanders*, On this Condition, That the High and Mighty Lords the States General, do reciprocally undertake and ſecure to the moſt Chriſtian King, that by reaſons and other means they will prevail with the Spaniards to conſent to the ſame Conditions: They have thought, that in this ſeaſon and conjuncture of affairs,

affairs, they ſhould employ themſelves very advantagiouſly, not onely for the Intereſt of both the ſaid Kings, but of all other neighbouring Princes and States, if by their joynt Counſels and endeavours they ſhould exhort, and as much as in them lies, oblige the two before-mentioned Crowns, to make Peace upon the Articles and Conditions aboveſaid: To which end We whoſe Names are here ſubſcribed, by virtue of our reſpective Powers, and in purſuance of our Inſtructions, have agreed upon theſe following Points and Articles.

I.

THat the King of *Great Britain* and the States General of the *United Netherlands*, joyntly or ſeverally (but always with communication of Counſels, and according to what ſhall be agreed on between them) uſe all poſſible diligence and induſtry with the moſt Chriſtian King; to induce him by a ſolemn Treaty, in the beſt and moſt authentick Form, to promiſe and engage to the King of *Great Britain* and the States General of the *United Provinces*, to make a Treaty of Peace with the King of *Spain*, without any Exception or Reſerve for any cauſe or pretence whatſoever, if the King of *Spain* can be induced or prevailed with by the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States*, ; to quit to the moſt Chriſtian King, either thoſe places taken from them the laſt year by force of Armes in the *Netherlands*, or an Equivalent by the delivery of the places abovementioned, or ſome other

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inſtead thereof, according as the Parties concerned ſhall mutually agree between themſelves.

II.

That the moſt Chriſtian King conſent to a Ceſſation of arms in the *Netherlands* till the end of *May*, that in the mean while the King of Great *Britain* and the *United States* may uſe their beſt endeavour and diligence with the King and Queen of *Spain* and their Council, to conſent to the aforeſaid Articles and Conditions.

III.

But that the moſt Chriſtian King may not upon any juſt reaſon refuſe the Ceſſation of Arms, the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* ſhall oblige themſelves by the ſame Treaty, that *Spain* ſhall quit to *France* all that the French Forces took from them the laſt year, or ſuch Equivalent; as ſhall on both ſides be agreed to.

IV.

That the moſt Chriſtian King be induced and prevailed with, to reſt ſatisfi'd in the aforeſaid Promiſe, and to relye upon it; ſo, as not for the future to make any farther Warre in the Low-Countreys; But if contrary to all hopes and expectations, the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* cannot by their inſtances and intreaties prevail with the Spaniards, before the end

end of *May* next ensuing, to consent to the aforesaid Conditions, and that consequently it be necessary to come to wayes of more efficacy; nevertheless the French shall not make, or bring the Warre within or upon the Borders of the said *Netherlands*; but the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* shall engage and undertake themselves to do whatever shall be necessary, effectually to oblige the Spaniards to accept of Peace upon the Conditions abovesaid; and so, it shall not be free for the most Christian King to exercise any Acts of Hostility in the said Countreys, nor to take any Town, though it should willingly surrender it self, unless the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* forbear and omit to do what is abovementioned.

V.

That upon a Peace made between the two Crowns, not only the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* shall be Warranties for it in the best, ampleſt and secureſt Form that may be, but also the Emperour, and all the Neighbouring Kings and Princes, who shall think it their interest to keep the Peace of Christendome undisturbed. and to restore the Low Countreys to their former tranquility. To which end the distinct number of military Forces shall be agreed upon, together with such other means as shall be fit to be used against either of the parties who shall break or violate the Peace, obliging him to cease the violence, and repair the party injured.

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All theſe Articles agreed upon, and all and every thing therein contained, ſhall be confirmed and ratified by the ſaid Lord the King of *Great Britain*, and the ſaid Lords the States General of the *United Provinces*, by Letters Patents on each ſide, under their Great Seals, in due and authentick form, within the ſpace of four weeks next enſuing, or ſooner if it may be, and mutual Inſtruments of Ratification Exchanged within the ſame time.

In witneſs of all and ſingular the things herein contained, and for the fuller corroboration of theſe Articles, We have hereunto ſet our Hands and Seals. At the *Hague* in *Holland*, Jan. 13. 1668.

FINIS.

THE GROUNDS Of the present WAR Between his Electoral Highneſſe PALATINE OF THE RHINE And the Duke of LORRAIN.

Expreſſed in a Letter written from *Frankendale* to a Perſon of quality here in *ENGLAND*

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